

# STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 374 A OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012** 

Wednesday, December 8, 2010 9:00 AM

Present: President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Wood,

Commissioner Barger and Commissioner Vasquez

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Afriat at 9:00 a.m. (10-3051)

**1.** Pledge of Allegiance led by Cristina Hernandez. (10-3049)

## II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

**2.** Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of December 1, 2010. (10-2758)

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez the minutes of December 1, 2010 were approved.

**Ayes:** 2 - President Afriat and Commissioner Vasquez

**Abstentions:** 2 - Secretary Wood and Commissioner Barger

**Absent:** 1 - Vice President Campbell

**Attachments:** SUPPORTING DOCUMENT



### **III. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General for the City of Santa Clarita Business License ID # 137559, to issue a new business license to Yong Li, owner of Emerald Massage Spa located at 19162 Soledad Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91351 in the Fifth District. (10-2759)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals, and reported the Sheriff's Department has no objection to issuance of the license.

Mr. Li, owner, through his interpreter Lilione Liu, stated he is a licensed massage therapist. The establishment currently has two licensed technicians and he is planning to hire three additional licensed technicians. He is familiar with all the requirements for operating a massage parlor.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by President Afriat, the Commission approved the aforementioned license.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Secretary Wood, Commissioner

Barger and Commissioner Vasquez

**Absent:** 1 - Vice President Campbell

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4. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General Business License ID # 136933, to issue a new business license to Ruirong Huang, owner of Rowland Feet Soak located at 1758 Sierra Leone Avenue #D, Rowland Heights, CA 91748 in the Fourth District. (10-2760)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals, and reported the Sheriff's Department has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Ms. Huang, the owner through her interpreter Ms. Qiu stated the business provides massage for people to relax. There are currently three license technicians employed by the business. The Business is open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The business has ten massage tables all placed in an open area, and there are no private rooms. She is familiar with all the requirements for operating a massage parlor.

On motion of Secretary Wood, seconded by President Afriat, the Commission approved the aforementioned license.

Ayes: 5 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary

Wood, Commissioner Barger and Commissioner

Vasquez

**Attachments:** SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS



5. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General for the City of Santa Clarita Business License ID # 137675, to issue a new business license to Wansiri Charoenying, owner of Thai Top Yoga Massage located at 23120 Lyons Avenue #11, Newhall, CA 91321 in the Fifth District. (10-2761)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals, and reported the Sheriff's Department has no objection to issuance of the license.

Ms. Charoenying, owner stated she is both State and County licensed. The business provides Thai and Yoga massage which is performed by stretching and deep pressure. The business currently has five licensed technicians. She is familiar with all the requirements for operating a massage parlor.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Secretary Wood, the Commission approved the aforementioned license.

Ayes: 5 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary

Wood, Commissioner Barger and Commissioner

Vasquez

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6. Thirty Day Review of Massage Parlor-General Business ID # 135455, for Panda Massage, Jianmei Cao, owner located at 18520 Soledad Canyon Road #D, Santa Clarita, CA 91351 in the Fifth District. (10-2461)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) stated this is a 30-Day Review, Sergeant Ron Shaffer and Veronica Vargas, City of Santa Clarita Sheriff' Business Alliance was present to report on the matter. Sgt. Shaffer reported that Tina Haddad, Assistant to the City Manager of Santa Clarita was in route to speak on the matter and had no objections to Sgt. Shaffer speaking on behalf of the City. The Commission held the item for Ms. Haddad's arrival.

Sgt. Shaffer reported since the November 10, 2010 hearing, he drove by the location on November 13, 2010 and found the windows covered with brown paper and a sign on the door "Closed for Remodeling" with a phone number. He called the number and a lady answered stating the business was closed for remodeling. On December 2, 2010, Sgt. Shaffer met Ms. Cao, owner, at the location to conduct an inspection. Ms. Cao informed him that she didn't have the key to go inside. Also, Sgt. Shaffer requested the surveillance tapes for the location as conditioned to her license and she refused to provide the tapes.

Sgt. Shaffer contacted the City of Santa Clarita Building department, there were no permits on file to remodel the location. He also contacted the Property Management Company to inquire the holder of the lease. They informed the Sergeant that Ms. Cao was not on the lease and that the rent was behind with an eviction in process. The lease of the location is held by Andy Yu and Alice Chen. The Property Manager stated that they do not allow sub-leasing at the location.

Cristina Hernandez, TTC, reported that on December 5, 2010, Ms Cao came to the TTC office to pick up her license renewal and signed a letter acknowledging the conditions set by the Commission. Ms. Cao through her interpreter Richard Chen expressed that her issue with Andy Yu was irrelevant to this matter.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by President Afriat the Commission set a hearing date of January 12, 2011for Revocation of Massage Parlor-General Business License ID # 135455, for Panda Massage, Janmei Cao, owner located at 18520 Soledad Canyon Road #D, Santa Clarita, CA 91351 in the Fifth District.



Ayes: 5 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary

Wood, Commissioner Barger and Commissioner

Vasquez

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# **IV. REPORTS**

7. The Commission agreed to cancel the regular meetings of December 22 and 29, 2010 and January 5, 2011. A special meeting for January 5, 2011 will be scheduled for 11:00 a.m. (10-3050)

**Statement Of Proceedings** 

### **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

**8.** Public Comment (10-3052)

Brandi Moore, County Counsel informed the Commission that she has been reassigned to Election Register Recorder and Sayuj Panicker is the new County Counsel representative for Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office.

**9.** Adjournment (10-3053)

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

